# MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAYOR:

Tonita Gurulé-Girón

**COUNCILORS:** 

Barbara A. Casey

David G. Romero Vincent Howell

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** 

Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager

Danielle Sena, Recorder

Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney

David T. Bibb III, Sergeant at Arms

Meeting began at 5:54 p.m.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Councilor Ulibarri asked God to keep looking at us so that good decisions were made through our lives, that he would think of everyone and the things they were going through and also prayed for hope.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Casey asked why there was not a Finance Report on the agenda for this month.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated "because we're going to be having, at the end of the month, a close-out budget training...inaudible 1:13" She asked Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos to address that question.

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega advised that the revenue report was not a part of the agenda due to the fact that they were at the end of the year with the final adjustments and that the final report would be submitted to them along with the DFA Quarterly Report, and that was the reason it was not prepared for this meeting.

Councilor Casey stated that she thought it was rather odd, since it was something that had never happened before and that it caused her a bit of concern.

Interim Finance Director Vega stated, "Correct, but I wanted to assure that all the proper adjustments were being made and whatever revenue report I would submit to you would also be on the fourth quarterly DFA report." She stated that GRT was slightly over and property taxes slightly downward and with final adjustments in everything. She informed that they would have revenue reports prepared for them for their Special meeting for the final approval of their DFA quarterly.

Councilor Casey asked when the Special meeting was scheduled.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised that she was hoping to have it around the 29th because they had to submit to DFA, their final quarterly in addition to their final budget and any final BARs that they deemed necessary.

Councilor Casey advised that she would appreciate if they let them know as soon as possible due to her having a lot of appointments at the end of the month and may not be able to make that particular meeting.

Ms. Vega advised that she would like to complete it earlier due to having to submit everything online to DFA by the 31st.

Councilor Casey stated that she did request a reason for the removal of her agenda item from the draft agenda from and that she received it that day, she appreciated the response although she did not agree with it. She added that she did appreciate the Mayor taking the time to have an independent attorney review and respond on her behalf.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Councilor Casey.

Councilor Romero stated he wanted to know as to why his request was denied.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Councilor Casey.

Councilor Romero stated he wanted to know as to why his request was denied. Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated "It's in there, just read it and if not take it to your attorney for review."

Councilor Romero stated to Mayor Gurulé-Girón, "you named an independent legal source, I think that the public should be aware as to who that independent legal source is."

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated, "I don't have to disclose that at all Councilor Romero, you're confused."

Councilor Romero stated, "If they're helping you with City Business, which...

Mayor Gurulé-Girón interrupted Councilor Romero and stated, "Nobody is paying for anything, trust me."

Councilor Howell stated, "I am also disappointed that my request for the agenda was not included.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated, "It's noted, thank you very much."

Councilor Howell advised he was not finished yet, and stated, "I think that it is important, I'm an eternal optimist and I want our community to be successful and every single month that we have requested for every month, that we have requested an agenda item, it was not put on it and I really am saddened about that. He stated that he thought that two or three Council meetings ago they agreed, if there were three or more Councilors that agreed to do something like we just heard, that it would be accepted.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated, That's all consistent with resolution and you all agreed to that resolution, with regards to consensus." She stated, "Last time we put something on the agenda, Councilor, you spent close to 80 or 80,000 in misappropriated funds, tax dollars monies Councilor, or not but that didn't essentially provide anything but progress reports for management approval, that is all, let's move on and that is not open for discussion at this point in time."

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated, "It was in your box."

Councilor Casey asked if she could please continue.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that she would give her one minute.

Councilor Casey stated that she wanted to know why she would go to independent counsel, when we have legal counsel that works for the City.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that because she was not going to tie in the City Attorney to respond to questions that Councilor Casey herself, had said that she felt that this attorney, the city's attorney worked independently for her, which was absolutely untrue.

Councilor Casey stated that she never said that about this attorney.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón called "point of order."

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve the agenda.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked if there was a second motion.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated she would ask again, "Do I have a second?" Thank you very much, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

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